

so that retained Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 11 read as follows:

1. An emergency message processor in a network having related multiple transmission sources, comprising:

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- (a) an information storage unit, associated with the network, maintaining emergency message indicia, representative of the multiple transmission sources, to be transmitted under emergency circumstances, and destination address information to which the indicia is to be transmitted;
 - (b) an initiator for implementing transmission, with minimal volitional activity, of said emergency message indicia when said emergency circumstances occur; and
 - (c) means for providing, from said information storage unit, emergency message indicia, representative of a transmission source implementing transmission, to an emergency system database, in response to implementation of transmission.

2. An emergency message processor in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said processor interfaces with a PBX.

3. An emergency message processor in accordance with Claim 2, said processor further comprising means for managing the PBX.

4. An emergency message processor in accordance with Claim 3 further comprising means for manipulating said indicia.

5. An emergency message processor in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising means for concurrently transmitting emergency message indicia to a monitoring location proximate a transmission source experiencing the emergency circumstance.

6. Apparatus for facilitating implementation of a feature of a voice system, having means for administration, in which an emergency call can be initiated, comprising:

- (a) a first database, interfacing with a second, voice system database, storing information elements regarding status of potential call initiators, wherein said first database accesses the information elements regarding status of potential call initiators;
- (b) means for providing, from said first database, initiator status information elements to a third, emergency system database; and
- (c) means for transmitting, upon initiation of an emergency call, at least one element of initiator status from said first database to a network with which the voice system interfaces.

8. Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 further comprising means, associated with the voice system for interrogating the apparatus, and wherein said means for transmitting said at least one element of initiator status transmits in response to interrogation by said means for interrogating.

9. Apparatus in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said means for interrogating the apparatus is activated by the initiation of an emergency call.

11. Apparatus in accordance with Claim 6 further comprising means for concurrently transmitting said at least one element of initiator status to a monitoring location proximate an emergency call initiator.

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of a first Office Action from the United States Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the matter captioned above and OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY papers dated December 10, 2002. In the Office Action papers of November 27, 2001, the examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(4). Specifically, it was the examiner's position that reference numeral "58" had been used to designate both a telephone handset and a